

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are cancelled and new claims 13-22 are submitted herewith.

The Office Action objects to the title of the instant application. In response, a new title incorporating that suggested by the Examiner is submitted herewith. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the title is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-7 and 9-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,400,890 to Nagasaka et al. In addition, claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Nagasaka in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,708,767 to Yeo et al.

Claims 1-12 have been cancelled. New claims 13-22 are submitted for consideration herewith. It is respectfully submitted that the new claims patentably distinguish over Nagasaka, whether used alone or in combination with Yeo as applied by the Examiner.

In the event that the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing comments concerning the disclosures in the cited prior art, it is requested that the Examiner indicate where in the reference or references, there is the bases for a contrary view.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable over the prior art, and early and favorable consideration thereof is solicited.

Please charge any fees incurred by reason of this response and not paid herewith to
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